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SUBJ: SMITHSONIAN/SFCP-SEC RIPLEY TRAVEL

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1. HAVE INFORMED DR. SALIM ALI THIS MORNING JAN 20 OF
POINTS MADE REFTEL AS INSTRUCTED.

2. SALIM ALI NOW PLANS ARRIVE JAMSHEDPUR BY TRAIN AT
1035 HOURS FEB ONE AND WILL MEET SECRETARY RIPLEY AT TATA
GUEST HOUSE AS PREVIOUSLY INDICATED.

3. SALIM ALI HAS DISCUSSED LECTURE DATES WITH JAMSHED
BHABHA WHO PLANNING BOMBAY LECTURES FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 4,
AND WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5. JAMSHED CALLED LATER TO CONFIRM
THE 4TH AND 5TH DATES AND TO ASK WHETHER SECRETARY RIPLEY
WOULD BE BRINGING SLIDES TO ILLUSTRATE HIS LECTURES.
JAMSHED ALSO WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER SECRETARY RIPLEY
WOULD LIKE TO GIVE A THIRD LECTURE IN DELHI ON THURSDAY
EVENING, MARCH 6. JAMSHED ADDS THAT IF THE SECRETARY FEELS
THAT THIS WOULD BE A BURDEN OR A STRAIN, HE WILL DROP THE
DELHI LECTURE PROPOSAL.

4. SALIM ALI IS PLANNING MCUNCTION TO BE JOINTLY SPONSORED
BY BOMBAY NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY AND OXFORD UNIVERSITY
PRESS FOR EVENING ORCH 3, AT WHICH HE HOPES SECRETARY
RIPLEY WILL GIVE TALK. THIS FUNCTION INTENDED AS BOMBAY
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OBSERVANCE OF PUBLICATION TENTH VOLUME RIPLEY-SALIM ALI

SERIES BOOKS ON BIRDS OF INDIA.

5. SALIM ALI UNABLE SAY PRECISELY WHERE HE EXPECTS
TERMINATE EXPEDITION IN ORISSA. WHILE HE HAD HOPED STAY
LONGER THAN ABOUT FEB 28, HE PLANS LEAVE RESEARCH
ASSISTANTS BEHIND AND TO RETURN WITH SECRETARY RIPLEY TO
BOMBAY.

6. AS REGARDS USE OF TATA PLANE FOR RETURN TO BOMBAY,
SALIM ALI HAS DISCUSSED WITH JAMSHED BHABHA THIS MORNING
WHO STATES IT NOT RPT NOT ADVISABLE USE SMALL PLANE FOR
FLIGHT BOMBAY. INSTEAD HE SUGGESTS PICKING UP SECRETARY
IN TATA PLANE AT NEAREST AIRFIELD TO POINT WHERE EXPEDITION
TERMINATES, AND THEREAFTER CARRYING TO CALCUTTA WHERE
COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS AVAILABLE TO BOMBAY. SALIM ALI THINKS
WELL OF THIS PROPOSAL IF AGREEABLE SECRETARY RIPLEY.

7. PLEASE INFORM SECRETARY RIPLEY THAT I HAVE TODAY
RECEIVED HIS LETTER OF JAN 8 AND THAT I SHALL LOOK FORWARD
TO HIS VISIT BOMBAY AND WILL WISH ASSIST IN ANY WAY WE IN
CONGEN CAN.

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